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REMARKS

Specification

The specification is amended to indicate the present application is a continuation under 35 USC §120 of US Application No. 09/997,372 and to incorporate by reference the content of the parent application.

Typographical errors at page 25 of the specification are corrected to conform the description to the notation of Figure 7. No new matter is believed introduced by the corrections.

Claims

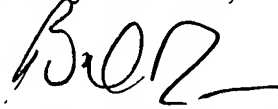
Claims 1-20 are canceled and replaced with claims 21-47, corresponding respectively to claims 60-86 which were withdrawn and canceled from parent US Application No. 09/997,372.

Conclusion

The application as amended is believed to be in condition for examination on the merits and such action is respectfully urged.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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